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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06556-0039-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
John POLK et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2165  
Application No.: 10/043,493 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: January 14, 2002 ) Confirmation No.: 9208  
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS )  
FOR PROVIDING A PAYMENT )  
SYSTEM OVER A NETWORK )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**SECOND STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on January 14, 2002. A Status Inquiry was filed on February 23, 2005, but no response has been received. To date, Applicants have not received a first Office Action on the merits.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned agent respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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